

**CHAPTER NO. 996**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2418**

**By Representatives Brenda Turner, Bowers**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2830**

**By Senators Ford, Springer, Cooper, Crowe, Henry**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-107, relative to coverage provided by TennCare to persons who are unable to acquire insurance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-107, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

( ) The department shall conduct a study and attempt to determine whether TennCare enrollees, who qualify as medically needy because they are uninsurable as a result of an existing or prior medical condition, are (1) moving into this state for the purpose of receiving organ transplants, (2) being disqualified by group health programs in order to receive organ transplants, and (3) obtaining health coverage for the first time in order to receive organ transplants. The study shall include the financial impact that each of these classes of enrollees is having on the TennCare program. The department shall report the results of its study to the TennCare Oversight Committee at least thirty (30) days before the next session of the General Assembly.


SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 1, 1998**

  
JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 1998**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR

